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D-DAY HITS TEXAS:

It was D-Day in Dallas when I arrived. The invasion there was complete with an explosion that rocked the country from coast to coast and shattered the dwindling hope of the American male that his fashion-minded fem would continue to look like a woman. The "D" of the invasion was Dior—Monsieur Christian Dior, Parisian crowned head of the world of fashion—whose combat troops consisted of six sleek French models armed with Dior's famed '54 fashion collection. It took place at Dallas' fabulous Neiman-Marcus.

The complete capitulation of not only Dallas, but also the hundreds of America's most prominent clothes-conscious women who had been drawn to the event, was in evidence everywhere. Dior popped up in such unlikely places as under the luncheon napkin where, etched on the wedgewood and grey menu of N.M.'s Zodiac Restaurant, the Number 1 entree feature was "Poulette Dior." (For the benefit of monied illiterates who might be present, this lingo was modestly translated as "Cornish Guinea Hen Baked in Imported Westphalia Ham with Mushrooms and Wine Sauce." Incidentally, Dior's Poulette turned out to be a sort of Continental chicken a la king, after a long flight.

What seems to have made Dior's invasion the success that the announcement of these same new lines last August did not boil down to a state of mind. Earlier, the idea was more or less rejected by all but a few clothes-horses. At the Dallas showing—the only one held in this country—the feminine prerogative of mind-changing prevailed and acceptance of the Dior designs was enthusiastic and apparently almost complete. All in all, the collection was a wearable one but, as can be expected, there were also several extreme numbers that endorsed the much-cussed and discussed H-line (or, if you will, H-shape).

Dior was smart enough to bring models ranging in height from 5' 2" to 5' 8" so that, regardless of height, his viewers might each find something that would suit her. With the exception of one whose coiffure featured a chignon, the models all had short hair.

I made a special note of the millinery. Mostly, the hats were small and head-hugging, with only a few that emphasized a trend to the floppy mannish version.

Last—and this time, Least—the bustline. Sorry, girls and boys. In Dior's world, there just is no such thing.

FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Pettit, 3403 W. 190th St., entertained at a family get-together on Thanksgiving Day. Their dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hartmann and sons, Robert and Harold Jr., Mrs. Hartmann's mother, Mrs. Della Van Horn of Chicago; Mrs. Harriett Clover and two children, James and Marletta, Miss Patty Pettit and Larry Jason of Long Beach.

Expectant Mothers' Class Ends Tuesday

Expectant mothers will receive diplomas and see a film, "Pre-facet to Life," at the final sessions of a class for prospective mothers tomorrow at 1 p.m. in the Torrance Health Center. All prospective mothers are invited to the class, which is free. The next series of classes will begin Dec. 9.

B&PW AWARD TO MANILA GRADUATE

The California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has named Miss Herminia Paz Silos, 25, a graduate of the University of Manila, as recipient of the federation's Philippine Scholarship for 1955. The appointment was announced at the mid-term meeting of the organization's board of directors, which concluded Sunday in Los Angeles.

Miss Silos will enroll at the University of California in Berkeley Jan. 1 as a graduate student in psychology. Her principal interest is in education of mentally retarded children.

Currently employed as executive secretary of the Philippine Mental Health Assn., Miss Silos was graduated Cum Laude from the Philippine Women's University in 1952, with a major in guidance and counseling.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Sahli of Concord were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert, 1515 Anapola Ave., the early part of this week, going on to spend Thanksgiving with friends in Compton. Mr. Sahli was formerly with the Torrance plant of United States Steel Corp., and is now employed in the Pittsburgh plant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert spent the holiday with her sister and family in Westwood, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grande and daughter Yvonne. Others attending the dinner party were the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stavert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Harrington and son Steve, and Mr. Harrington's mother, Mrs. Madeline Harrington.

Leaves for Home

Mrs. Ethel Brown left last week-end for her home in Buffalo, N. Y., after spending two weeks here with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wally E. Brown, of 716 Pine Ave.

ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herren had as their Thanksgiving dinner guests Mrs. Herren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Swoope and her grandmother, Mrs. Tirzah Taber, all of Lomita.

Holiday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and sons, Bryan and Wayne, of 616 Pine Dr., entertained as their holiday guests Mrs. Etta Smith, William Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Don Randolph, Mrs. Wesley Smith and John Reid.

Pastor Attends Meet

Elder Glenn L. Goffar is representing the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Torrance at a meeting of the Southern California Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Glendale this week.

B & PW Plans Fund Drive for New National Headquarters

Plans for an all-out drive for the Federation's treasury, to help buy or build a new headquarters building for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Washington, D.C., were completed by directors of the California Federation at a two-day interim board meeting that ended in Los Angeles Sunday. Mrs. Ethel Wegner of Berkeley, the Federation's treasurer, will be chairman of the fund campaign, to be launched in all the state's 282 clubs Jan. 1. Deported as a three-year project, the California Federation plan is part of a nation-wide program to relocate national headquarters for the opening of the 1955 legislative session in Sacramento. Mrs. Gupta said her committee will also heard and approved the revision in the labor code to equalize the right of men and women. The 8-hour law as it applies to women will be a particular target for revision. Proposed amendments to strengthen the state's Equal Pay law.

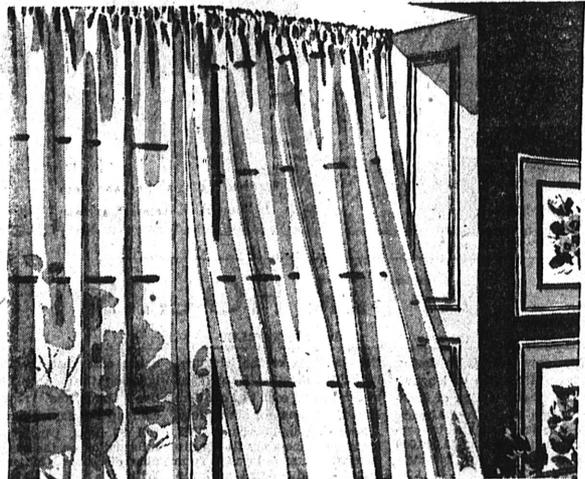
Request that a law revision commission appointed by the 1953 Legislature study the state's labor code and make recommendations to bring it up to date, particularly as it applies to women and children. Miss Evelyn Whitlow, Los Angeles attorney who is the State Federation's second vice-president and legislative advocate, will present the organization's proposals.



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